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| In re Application of: Chen, et al. |) | |
| |) | Examiner: Stephens, Jacqueline F. |
| Serial No.: 10/036,736 |) | |
| |) | Art Unit: 3761 |
| Filed: December 21, 2001 |) | |
| |) | Deposit Acct. No.: 04-1403 |
| Title: Sponge-Like Pad Comprising Paper |) | |
| Layers and Method of Manufacture |) | Client ID: 22827 |

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.131

We, Fung-Jou Chen, Julie Bednarz, Jeff Lindsay, Dawn Houghton, Leslie Taneri, Tammy Balzar, and Peiguang Zhou, declare:

1. We are the inventors of the claims of the patent application identified above and the inventors of the subject matter described therein.

2. U.S. Patent Number 6,993,805 of Prodoehl, et al. was filed Jun. 4, 2002, in the United States, and claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/308,705, filed on Jul. 30, 2001.

3. Prior to Jul. 30, 2001, we conceived our invention as described and claimed in the subject application.

4. As evidence of our conception prior to Jul. 30, 2001, we are providing an Invention Disclosure signed on Jul. 12, 2001.

5. We were duly diligent at least from the signing of the Jul. 17, 2001, Invention Disclosure in filing the resulting patent application referenced above.

6. In the Invention Disclosure, Question 14 asks "Is commercial use imminent?" The answer on the Invention Disclosure states "1999 or earlier." However, this answer is incorrect now and at the time of the signing of the Invention Disclosure. To

our knowledge the products and methods described in the above patent application were not commercialized by Kimberly-Clark Corporation, Inc., or its affiliates, prior to the filing of the above patent application, if ever.

6. We acknowledge all statements made of our own knowledge in this declaration to be true and all statements made on information and belief in this declaration are believed to be true.

7. We further acknowledge that willful false statements and the like made in this declaration are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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